

**Relevant Excerpts from  
Electoral Area C Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 725**

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## **1.2 Sustainable Planning Principles**

### *Principle 4*

Agriculture, tourism and forestry are supported as the foundations of the economy, while economic diversification that has low impact on the area's character and natural environment is encouraged. The establishment of a business park that attracts clean industries and complements existing businesses is also encouraged.

## **1.4 Geographic Context & Existing Land Uses**

The areas around Notch Hill, Carlin and Tappen are well suited for the production of agricultural crops and value-added activities associated with agriculture. These areas are located away from the most populated areas of the community, and the majority of the land falls within the Provincially-designated "Agricultural Land Reserve".

## **3.1 General Land Use Management**

### *3.1.2.4 Policies*

- .4 Outside the Village Centre and Secondary Settlement Areas, new residential development is generally discouraged unless co-located with an agricultural use. Strip commercial development between these development areas is not acceptable.

## **3.10 AG - Agriculture**

### *3.10.1 Policies*

- .1 The lands designated as Agriculture (AG) are shown on Schedules B and C. In general, these are lands with half or more of their area lying within the Provincially-designated Agricultural Land Reserve at the time of writing of this Plan. Land lying within the Agricultural Land Reserve is identified on Schedule E – ALR Map. Agriculture is the primary and dominant land use, with a full range of crop and livestock production activities permissible, as well as homes, buildings and structures associated with agricultural operations.

- .2 The minimum parcel size of land for subdivision within the Agriculture land use designation is 60 hectares (148 acres).
- .3 New subdivision is discouraged within the Agriculture designation, other than subdivision along ALR boundaries or subdivision or parcel consolidations demonstrated not to have an intrusive or conflicting impact on the surrounding agricultural community.
- .4 The Agriculture land use designations encompass agricultural uses, and uses accessory to agriculture. Subject to the guidelines of the Agricultural Land Commission and the zoning bylaw the following uses are appropriate in lands designated Agriculture: agritourism operations and agri-accommodation, and uses which will not affect the long-term agricultural capability of the land.

## **5.2 Resource Industries**

### *5.2.1 Objective*

- .1 To support traditional resource employment sectors in the South Shuswap, including agriculture, forestry, and mining.

### *5.2.2 Policies*

The Regional District:

- .1 Strongly supports agriculture, agri-tourism and value-added agriculture, in keeping with the policies of the Agricultural Land Commission.
- .2 In consultation with the South Shuswap community, will develop a strategy to facilitate the production of valued-added agricultural and forest projects through such measures as small scale related processing facilities, limited direct resource sales, and limited natural resource support services.

## **12.1 Hazardous Lands Development Permit Areas (*Steep Slope*)**

### *12.1.1 Purpose*

The Hazardous Lands Development Permit Area is designated under the Local Government Act for the purpose of protecting development from steep slope hazardous conditions.

### *12.1.2 Justification*

Whereas steep slopes pose a potential landslide risk, a Hazardous Lands Development Permit Area is justified so that DP guidelines and recommendations from qualified

engineering professionals are utilised prior to development in steep slope areas in order to provide a high level of protection from ground instability and/or slope failure.

### *12.1.3 Area*

All properties, any portion of which, contain slopes 30% or greater are designated as Hazardous Lands Development Permit Area (Steep Slope). These are referred to as 'steep slope' areas below. The CSRD requires a slope assessment of slope conditions as a condition of development permit issuance. Provincial 1:20,000 TRIM mapping, using 20m (66ft) contour information, may provide preliminary slope assessment; however, a more detailed site assessment may be required.

### *12.1.4 Exemptions*

A Hazardous Lands Development Permit is not required for the following:

- .1 A single storey accessory building with a gross floor area less than 10 m<sup>2</sup> (107.4 ft<sup>2</sup>) which are placed on slopes of less than 30%;
- .2 Non-structural **external** repairs or alterations exempted by the BC Building Code; or
- .3 Non-structural **internal** repairs or alterations exempted by the BC Building Code which do not create sleeping accommodations or bedrooms.

### *12.1.5 Guidelines*

- .1 Whenever possible placement of buildings and structures should be considered first in non-steeply sloped areas, i.e. less than 30% slope;
- .2 In order to protect against the loss of life and to minimize property damage associated with ground instability and/or slope failure, development in steep slope areas is discouraged;
- .3 Occupant and public safety shall be the prime consideration of the qualified geotechnical professional and the CSRD prior to approval of development in steeply sloped areas; and,
- .4 Geotechnical reports from qualified geotechnical professionals must address best engineering practices in the field of geotechnical engineering and provide detailed recommendations. At the discretion of CSRD staff an independent third party review of the submitted report(s) may be undertaken.

Where steep slope areas are required for development, development permits addressing Steep Slopes shall be in accordance with the following:

For subdivision, either 12.1.5.5 or 12.1.5.6 applies:

- .5 Submission of a geotechnical report by an Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC) registered professional with experience in geotechnical engineering.
  - a. The geotechnical report, which the Regional District will use to determine the conditions and requirements of the development permit, must certify that the land may be used safely for the use intended.
  - b. The geotechnical report must explicitly confirm all work was undertaken in accordance with the APEGBC Legislated Landslide Assessment Guidelines.
  - c. The report should include the following types of analysis and information:
    - i. site map showing area of investigation, including existing and proposed: buildings, structures, septic tank & field locations, drinking water sources and natural features, including watercourses;
    - ii. strength and structure of rock material, bedding sequences, slope gradient, landform shape, soil depth, soil strength and clay mineralogy;
    - iii. surface & subsurface water flows & drainage;
    - iv. vegetation: plant rooting, clear-cutting, vegetation conversion, etc.
    - v. recommended setbacks from the toe and top of the slope;
    - vi. recommended mitigation measures; and
    - vii. recommended 'no-build' areas.
  - d. Development in steep slopes should avoid:
    - i. cutting into a slope without providing adequate mechanical support;
    - ii. adding water to a slope that would cause decreased stability;
    - iii. adding weight to the top of a slope, including fill or waste;
    - iv. removing vegetation from a slope;
    - v. creating steeper slopes; and
    - vi. siting Type 1, 2 and 3 septic systems and fields within steep slopes.
  - e. A Covenant may be registered on title identifying the hazard and remedial requirements as specified in the geotechnical or engineering reports for the benefit and safe use of future owners.
- .6 Registration of a Covenant on title identifying hazards and restrictions regarding construction, habitation or other structures or uses on slopes of 30% and greater.

For construction of, addition to or alteration of a building or other structure:

Compliance with and submission of the relevant geotechnical sections of Schedule B-1, B-2 and C-B of the BC Building Code by an Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC) registered professional with experience in geotechnical engineering. A Covenant may be registered on title identifying hazards and restrictions regarding construction, habitation or other structures or uses on slopes of 30% or greater.